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Honorable Commissioner of Patents

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 13, 2002, in the above-identified application, Applicants hereby elect Group V, drawn to polypeptides, with traverse. Applicants further elect the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 249. Additionally, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner enter the following amendment prior to examination of the application on the merits:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-8, 13-23, 26 and 27.

Please add new claims 30-36 as follows:

30. (NEW) A purified and isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of a mature polypeptide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 249.

- The polypeptide of Claim 30, wherein said polypeptide comprises an amino 31. (NEW) acid sequence of a full-length polypeptide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 249.
- 32. The polypeptide of Claim 30, wherein said polypeptide consists of an amino (NEW) acid sequence of a mature polypeptide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 249.